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CLARK REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER

Workers get sneak peek

Clark Regional Medical Center employees, their families and members of the hospital board got their first look at the new \$60 million hospital during a tour Monday afternoon. Operating room technicians, from left, Amy Briscoe, Erin Price, Valerie Ratliff and Don Tegler, look at the state of the art equipment in one of the new operating rooms during their tour, top photo. Sheri Reynolds, second from right, director of radiology, talks about one of the new X-ray rooms in the hospital that is slated to open for patients on March 31, right photo. A ribbon cutting ceremony will be at 11 a.m. Friday. The community is invited to tour the new hospital beginning at 10 a.m. March 24. James Mann
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CLARK COUNTY

Fees set for use of city, county parks

By Bob Flynn
The Winchester Sun

After several months of study, the Winchester/Clark County Parks and Recreation Board finalized rental fees Tuesday for all parks department facilities.

Last fall the board appointed a committee and asked members to look at all the department's contracts with leagues that use park facilities, and to assess what it costs the department to maintain all its facilities to ensure that its rental fees adequately covered expenses to maintain those spaces.

Bob Jackson, who headed the committee, said the department had never charged rental fees for the parks before, but as funding becomes tighter each year, the department must recover some of its costs if it wants to continue providing the facilities.

"We know the city and county can't keep funding us and giving us big blocks of money, so we are going to have to come up with ways we can help cover our costs," Jackson said. "We are not trying to make money. This is not full recovery of our costs. These fees will just help us cover our lighting, water and other costs that we have in maintaining our parks and facilities."

Effective today, the board approved a fee schedule for its facilities of:

- gymnasium — full gym, \$50 per hour; one half the gym, \$25 per hour;
- library — \$25 per hour, plus refundable \$50 deposit;
- shelter reservation — \$25 per two hour block, plus refundable \$50 deposit if shelter is cleaned after use. Any shelter reservations that have already been confirmed will not be assessed the fees.

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LAW ENFORCEMENT

Clark deputy recognized for drug task force work

Sun staff report

Detective Mark Craycraft of the Clark County Sheriff's Office was recognized by the U.S. Attorney's Office recently for his role in breaking up a drug trafficking ring in Paris.

Craycraft is a member of the regional task force that partnered with the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms. The agencies began investigating the case in 2008. Since then, 56 people have been prosecuted for drug trafficking and firearm offenses, according to U.S.

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IN YOUR WORLD

OBITUARIES

There are no funeral notices in today's edition of the Sun.

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YEAR OF THE GIRL

Clark County's Girl Scouts mark 100th anniversary

Girl Scouts of all ages and their parents gather in front of the Clark County Courthouse Monday afternoon to celebrate the organization's 100th anniversary. Scouts listen as Winchester Mayor Ed Burtner, left, and Clark County Judge-Executive Henry Branham read a proclamation honoring Girl Scouts and proclaiming 2012 "The Year of the Girl." Daisy scouts in Troop 680 Angelina Pelayo, left, and Kamryn Toler, right, both 6, act out the parts while singing "Make New Friends" during the program, bottom photo. Joining them was Sophia Pelayo, 4. Girl Scouts was formed by Juliette Gordon Low in 1912 in Savannah, Ga. James Mann
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Police/fire

WINCHESTER POLICE

Charged
— Amy Barker, 24, of 146 Linden Ave., was charged Sunday with theft by unlawful taking.
— Michael Bowman, 55, of 438 Old Boonesboro Road, was charged Saturday with reckless driving, second-degree possession of a controlled substance, possession of drug paraphernalia, driving under the influence, promoting contraband and possession of marijuana.
— Stephen Brake, 27, of 105 Springridge Way, was charged Sunday with possession of drug paraphernalia and public intoxication.
— Franklin Caudill, 32, of 23 Alabama St., was charged Sunday with second-degree assault.
— Melissa L. Combs, 28, of 36 Judy Ann Court, was charged Sunday with theft by unlawful taking.
— Jimmy A. Gibson, 25, of Booneville, was charged Friday with theft by unlawful taking.
— David Lane, 20, of 2295

Jones Nursery Road, was charged Saturday with reckless driving and driving under the influence.
— Kenneth C. Markland, 25, of 250 Oxford Drive Apt. 66, was charged Saturday with possession of a controlled substance.
— Travis L. Noble, 24, of 727 Estes Drive, was charged Sunday with driving under the influence, possession of open container of alcoholic beverage in a motor vehicle and reckless driving.
— Joshua T. Shepherd, 30, of 123 Kentucky St., was charged Friday with receiving stolen property under \$500 and resisting arrest.
— Quentin E. Stevenson, 37, of 323 Primrose Lane, was charged Saturday with wanton endangerment.
— Larry Rinesmith, 30, of 306 Springmist Lane, was charged Sunday with theft by unlawful taking.
— Christopher Roberts, 39, of Clinton, Tenn., was charged Monday with driving under the influence, no operator's license, possession of open container of alcoholic beverage in a motor vehicle

and reckless driving.
Reports
— At 11:57 a.m. Saturday, a person reported that his scooter was stolen from his home three months ago. He located the scooter at a local pawn shop.
— At 4:14 p.m. Saturday, officers were called to 119 Dorset Land concerning fraudulent use of a credit card.
— At 7:24 p.m. Saturday, officers were called to 126 Shoppers Drive concerning a theft of cash.
— At 1:37 a.m. Sunday, officers were called to 407 Skylark Drive concerning an assault.
— At 11:39 a.m. Sunday, officers were called to 420 E. Broadway after someone broke into a vehicle during the night and took the stereo.
— At 3 p.m. Sunday, officers were called to Walmart concerning a suspected shoplifter in custody. Melissa Combs was arrested and charged with theft by unlawful taking.
— At 3:41 p.m. Sunday, of-

ficers were called to Walmart concerning two suspected shoplifters in custody. Amy Barker and Larry Rinesmith were arrested and charged with theft by unlawful taking.
— At 4:50 p.m. Sunday, officers were called to 67 Holiday Road after a shop vacuum was taken from a construction site.
— At 6:35 p.m. Sunday, officers were called to Walmart concerning a suspected shoplifter in custody.
— At 2:15 p.m. Monday, officers were called to Walmart for a domestic disturbance.

CLARK COUNTY SHERIFF

Reports
— At 12:40 p.m. Monday, Darrell Pryor of the Winchester/Clark County Parks and Recreation Department reported that a trailer and other mechanical parts were taken from Lykins Park. He later located one of the items at Freedom Metals.
— At 8 p.m. Friday, C.G. Gross of 210 Hidden Grove Lane reported that someone

broke into his outbuilding and took a generator and a weed trimmer.
— At 5:20 p.m. Monday, Teresa Knifley of 8586 Wades Mill Road reported that her debit card number was stolen and used to make an online purchase at Walmart.

WINCHESTER FIRE-EMS

— On Monday, emergency personnel conducted five local transfers and one out-of-town transfer. They also responded to one general medical call, one fall, one respiratory case, one motor vehicle accident and one seizure.

CLARK COUNTY FIRE

— At 12:02 p.m. Monday, firefighters assisted Winchester Fire-EMS with a brush fire on Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard.
— At 6:19 a.m. today, firefighters were called to a possible injury accident on Interstate 64 but the run was canceled.

State briefs

Lexington men charged with making bombs

LEXINGTON (AP) — Police in Lexington have arrested two men after finding homemade bombs in their backyard.
WLEX-TV reported the arrest of 26-year-old James E. Myers and 22-year-old Patrick E. Lloyd, charging them with wanton endangerment and use of a weapon of mass destruction.
Police said there were no injuries,

but a device packed with nails and tacks exploded near a police officer. Neighbors had called police Sunday night when they heard a loud noise that they thought was a gunshot.
Police found three explosive devices in the backyard of the rented duplex and ingredients for more devices inside.
Court documents stated the men confessed to making the bombs.
Both were held early Tuesday at the Fayette County Detention center which does not have records of inmates' attorneys.

House passes concealed weapons for prosecutors

FRANKFORT (AP) — Retired prosecutors would have special privileges to carry concealed weapons anywhere in the state under a measure that has passed the House.
Representatives voted 90-4 Monday for the measure that now goes to the Senate for consideration.
Democratic state Rep. Bob Damron of Nicholasville is sponsor of the bill that extends to commonwealth's

attorneys and county attorneys the same right that already has been given to retired judges.
The measure is intended to allow retired prosecutors to defend themselves if attacked.
Kentucky already allows people to carry concealed weapons if they have permits to do so.
Damron's measure would allow retired prosecutors to carry them into restricted areas, like courthouses, where the general population wouldn't be permitted to carry guns.

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 75/53 Mostly cloudy early, then afternoon sunshine. Warm. High near 75F. Sunrise 7:50 AM Sunset 7:42 PM	 78/54 Sunshine. Highs in the upper 70s and lows in the mid 50s. Sunrise 7:49 AM Sunset 7:43 PM	 73/58 Partly cloudy, chance of a thunderstorm. Sunrise 7:47 AM Sunset 7:44 PM	 67/54 A few thunderstorms possible. Sunrise 7:46 AM Sunset 7:45 PM	 72/54 Partly cloudy with a stray thunderstorm. Sunrise 7:44 AM Sunset 7:46 PM

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Kentucky At A Glance



Area Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Ashland	74	48	pt sunny	Glasgow	78	55	pt sunny	Murray	80	58	pt sunny
Bowling Green	80	57	pt sunny	Hopkinsville	78	55	pt sunny	Nashville, TN	80	57	pt sunny
Cincinnati, OH	76	47	pt sunny	Knoxville, TN	77	54	pt sunny	Owensboro	77	53	pt sunny
Corbin	76	51	pt sunny	Lexington	74	52	pt sunny	Paducah	78	57	pt sunny
Covington	73	49	pt sunny	Louisville	77	56	pt sunny	Pikeville	77	56	pt sunny
Cynthiana	75	50	pt sunny	Madisonville	78	55	pt sunny	Prestonsburg	75	51	mst sunny
Danville	75	52	pt sunny	Mayfield	81	57	pt sunny	Richmond	74	53	pt sunny
Elizabethtown	76	53	pt sunny	Middlesboro	79	53	pt sunny	Russell Springs	76	51	pt sunny
Evansville, IN	75	53	pt sunny	Morehead	74	50	pt sunny	Somerset	75	52	pt sunny
Frankfort	75	51	pt sunny	Mount Vernon	75	51	mst sunny	Winchester	75	53	pt sunny

National Cities

City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.	City	Hi	Lo	Cond.
Atlanta	75	55	drizzle	Houston	79	67	pt sunny	Phoenix	79	50	sunny
Boston	67	47	rain	Los Angeles	66	50	sunny	San Francisco	59	54	rain
Chicago	66	47	pt sunny	Miami	82	68	pt sunny	Seattle	41	35	mixed
Dallas	79	63	cloudy	Minneapolis	65	51	pt sunny	St. Louis	79	57	sunny
Denver	71	43	pt sunny	New York	71	52	rain	Washington, DC	78	55	pt sunny

Moon Phases

Full 3/14	Last 3/15	New 3/16	First 3/17
Mar 8	Mar 15	Mar 22	Mar 30


UV Index

Wed 3/14	Thu 3/15	Fri 3/16	Sat 3/17	Sun 3/18
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Lunch corner

Here's what local schools are serving Wednesday, March 14

Elementary schools

Breakfast

Choice of biscuit and gravy, cereal and toast, yogurt and toast, juice, fruit and milk.

Lunch

Choice of chicken tenders with roll, open-face turkey sandwich, peanut butter and jelly sandwich, grilled cheese, chef salad, mashed potatoes with gravy, green beans, roll, fruit and milk.

Middle schools

Breakfast

Choice of biscuit and gravy, cereal and toast, yogurt and toast, juice, fruit and milk.

Lunch

Choice of burrito bar, sack lunch, soup and sandwich, cheese tortellini pasta salad, re-fried beans, Spanish rice, garden salad, fruit and milk.

High school

Breakfast

Choice of big breakfast, sausage biscuit, peanut butter and jelly, breakfast pastry or muffin, cereal and toast, juice or fruit and milk.

Lunch

Country Kitchen: Roast beef and gravy, red potatoes, vegetable blend, roll.

Salad and More: Salad choice, soup and sensational sandwich, grilled chicken, apple and pecan salad.

Pizza line: Pizza choice.

Hot Zone: Cheeseburger, grilled chicken sandwich, healthy chips, vegetable of the day.

Chicken and More: Grilled chicken sandwich, cheeseburger, healthy chips, vegetable of the day.



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Communities Page The Winchester Sun

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Panel may vote Wednesday on statewide smoking ban

FRANKFORT (AP) — Despite two unexpected delays, a proposed statewide ban on smoking in public places could receive a vote in the House Health and Welfare Committee on Wednesday.

Chairman Tom Burch, D-Louisville, called off a meeting Monday because some lawmakers who support the proposal were unavail-

able to attend.

The measure had been expected to come up for a vote last week, but a Republican boycott forced it to be postponed because the panel lacked a quorum.

The bill, intended to protect Kentuckians from second-hand smoke, would prohibit lighting up indoors at a wide range of businesses, including

bars and restaurants.

The ban would extend even to private homes if those homes are used for child care or adult daycare.

Such a measure has been discussed in Kentucky for years, but lawmakers in the major tobacco-producing state have been reluctant to tackle the issue.

Rep. Susan Westrom, D-Lexington,

said she is confident the measure will pass the committee, but she wasn't sure Monday whether it would be presented for a floor vote in the House.

"My concern is I don't think it has the votes to get out of the Senate," Westrom said. "If we don't have the votes to get it out of the Senate, I don't think we'll vote on it in the House."

The grand tour



Mary Lindsay Merrell, Clark Regional Medical Center surgical director, talks about the new hospital's surgical department during one of the tours for employees and their families Monday afternoon. Listening were, from left, Darrell Epperson, Joanna Williams and Daniel Williams Jr., 5. Gov. Steve Beshear will attend the ribbon cutting ceremony Friday at 11 a.m. at the hospital.

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FEES

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The board also approved charging leagues for the use of park facilities.

Both the Winchester Little League and the Winchester Youth Soccer League will be charged \$100 per week for the duration of their seasons. Fees have yet to be determined for the Civitan basketball league, which just completed its season.

After the vote, Jackson said the committee weighed the effect the fees would have on parks users with the needs of the department and tried to establish fees that would be fair for both, and reiterated that the fees were essential for the department to remain healthy.

"We know this is going to be new and might be a shock, so we need to ease into this. We don't want to hit everybody with a big fee all of a sudden because that's not fair," Jackson said. "But, every parks and recreation department around us is charging higher fees. We feel like these are fair and once again, we are not out to make money. We just have to recover some of our costs. We are going to have to look at these fees every year to make sure we are keeping up

with our costs."

In other business the board:

— approved proposed recreation and operations budgets for the 2012-2013 fiscal year, which will be submitted to the Winchester Board of Commissioners and the Clark County Fiscal Court. Once the budgets are sent back to the board with the commission and court funding established, a final budget must be approved by late June.

The proposed recreation budget totaled \$79,300 and included salaries of \$59,500, operating expenses of \$10,000 and \$9,800 for special events such as the July 4 Celebration, disc golf tournament and hosting the Bluegrass State Games chess tournament. It also reflects \$55,000 in revenue from the City of Winchester.

The proposed operations budget totaled \$608,600 and showed salaries of \$289,600, which was down \$10,000 from last year's budget, while reflecting a 4 percent cost of living increase for employees.

Total operating expenses in the budget are \$303,000. The budget also includes \$16,000 in capital expense items for the replacement of a heater at the Health and Wellness Center and sealing

a parking lot at Lykins Park, and \$40,000 in maintenance and repairs for the replacement of the roof over the College Park gym.

— the board unanimously approved prohibiting running on the walking track at College Park gym. Board Chairman Charlie Eury said the move was to insure the safety of the numerous walkers, many of whom are older citizens.

"This is purely a safety issue. The track was designed as a walking track. The corners are a little tight, and when you have folks in there walking and a runner comes up on them and they don't hear them, you have a potential for an accident," Eury said. "You try to balance the needs of all your patrons, but there comes a point where walkers have to trump runners. There are around 5,000 people a month walking in there so it just comes down to their safety."

— approved a user request from the Winchester Civitan Club to host a cornhole tournament fundraiser in the gym March 24 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at a cost of \$25 per hour plus \$125 to put tarp down to protect the floor.

— approved a user request from Winchester Junior Civitan Club to host a

lock-in at the gym April 20-21 from 5 p.m. to 6 a.m. at a cost of \$25 plus \$3 per person to use the pool.

— approved a user request from a Girl Scout troop to host a lock-in April 13-14 from 10 p.m. to 6 a.m. at a cost of \$250 plus \$3 per person to use the pool.

— approved a user request from Jan Rymer to host a free concert in the gym May 12 from 7-9 p.m. for her daughter's home school graduation party at a cost of \$25 per hour plus the cost of one staff member.

— reviewed bids for porta potty rental and services and approved ByPass Rentals to provide eight regular units at \$50 per month and three handicap units at \$70 per month, for a total of \$610 for the season.

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WORK

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Attorney Kerry B. Harvey. Craycraft received a commendation from Harvey's office.

The investigation and case involved a gang known as the 148s in Paris, which trafficked both drugs and illegal firearms through Oliver's Grocery, also known as Fat Daddy's, which they used as an open-air drug market, Harvey said. The store was operated by Mal Walton, who was one of the defendants.

Federal agents and local officers spent two years investigating the case including surveillance, making undercover buys and helping make the arrests. All 56 defendants were prosecuted within six months of being indicted, Harvey said.

Kentucky Lottery

These Kentucky lotteries were drawn Monday:

Cash Ball

04-15-18-25, Cash Ball: 25, Kicker: -9-3-9-1

Decades of Dollars

11-22-27-29-32-45

Pick 3 Evening: 5-4-8

Pick 3 Midday: 7-5-2

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Pick 4 Midday: 5-1-1-6

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LEGISLATIVE
UPDATE

House passes bare-boned state budget

FRANKFORT — The top duty of legislators was taken up this week as the House passed a new two-year budget by a vote of 78-17. The best way to describe the biennial budget for 2012-2014 is bare-boned.

I was among the 17 “no” votes, because I could not vote for a budget that continued to increase rather than decrease Kentucky’s debt ratio. It is imperative that we start living within our means, and this budget does not do that, unfortunately. This budget also cuts out state retirees’ cost-of-living increases for the next two years.



State Rep.
Donna Mayfield

The budget implements cuts of 8.4 percent in all three branches of government, which is in addition to cuts we have already been forced to make in the various services offered by Kentucky state government. In addition, higher education, which is our state’s public universities, is receiving a budget cut of 6.4 percent. We also removed \$450 million in bonds for capital construction projects at our public universities.

Very little “new” money would be available, but what little there is would be used to reduce state social worker caseloads, allow more people with disabilities to live in non-institutional settings, cover burial services for veterans and a few other areas. The budget would also authorize construction of the state’s fourth veterans’ nursing home near Fort Knox.

In addition, while the SEEK formula for local school funding remains the same, some areas of K-12 see a cut of 4.5 percent in the proposed budget. However, the House version of the budget bill provides \$7.5 million to the expansion of preschool, which is sorely needed to help prepare our students at a young age so they may succeed in their education and hopefully their future careers. We also approved another \$7.5 million to restore funding in areas of education cut in the past, including after school programs.

The two biggest factors that led to this austere budget for the next two years is the slow recovery of our state’s economy, and more importantly that we have spent more than we have taken in for many years. Even with all the reductions and cut-backs, our debt ratio in this proposed budget is 6.71 percent. This is higher than it should be.

Recently, some of us sent a letter to the chairman of the House Appropriations and Revenue Committee asking him to hold a hearing and vote on Senate Bill 1, which passed 34-2 last month. Senate Bill 1 is essentially a debt service cap on Kentucky’s General Fund. The proposal would limit the general fund debt service to not exceed 6 percent of the general fund revenue. It is our belief that Senate Bill 1 is sound fiscal and public policy, and we are hopeful the bill will be heard and passed in the remaining days of the 2012 Legislation Session.

A movement to increase the number of bachelor’s degree holders in far eastern and southeastern Kentucky advanced in amended form Tuesday when HB 260 cleared the House Education Committee. Originally a measure that would have paved the way for the University of Pikeville to become the state’s ninth public university, HB 260 was amended by the committee to allow multi-county coal severance dollars to be invested in college scholarships for degree-seeking students in the region.

Finally, the House on Thursday voted 81-7 to pass legislation that would crack down on Kentucky’s prescription “pill mills,” which are essentially fly-by-night physician’s offices that indiscriminately prescribe and dispense controlled pain medication to make money for what is typically an out-of-state owner. By giving the attorney general control over prescribing and dispensing practices — along with the KASPER electronic tracking system that monitors prescribing practices in-state and HB 4’s other requirements and penalties for noncompliance — supporters hope the bill will help to end the prescription drug abuse scourge in Kentucky. Data shows that prescription pill abuse kills more Kentuckians than automobile accidents.

We are also hopeful that in the future legislators, the press and the public are given more time to review the commonwealth’s budget before a vote can be taken. It is too important to Kentucky and its people that we vote on a \$19.5 billion dollar budget when we are only given a few hours to review it before casting a vote. We must be more transparent when doing the people’s work.

As always, I welcome your comments and concerns for the upcoming session. I can be reached through the toll-free message line in Frankfort at 1-800-372-7181. A taped message containing information on legislative committee meeting schedules is available by calling 1-800-633-9650, and information on the status of each bill is available by calling 1-866-840-2835. If you have Internet access, I can be reached at donna.mayfield@lrc.ky.gov, or you may keep track of legislation through the Kentucky Legislature Home Page at www.lrc.ky.gov.



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No more free-loaders who go uninsured and expect those of us who pay insurance premiums to take care of them when they fall ill. It would be only fair.

No more overcrowded emergency rooms — the most expensive and least efficient way to deliver medical care — because people use them instead of carrying health insurance. What an improvement that would be.

Health insurance is such a good idea, the wish was father to the law. Which is why we now have Obamacare, and will soon have more of it if Washington and the states can ever figure out just how it's supposed to work. Along with doctors and hospitals and insurance companies and the whole health-care industry, and, oh yes, patients.

All will be watching how the new health-care system develops — some with hope, others with fear, most with a mix of both.

This much is certain: There will be changes. Settled law and settled habits will have to be changed. There will be objections. From the states, among others. Medicaid costs are already mounting from state to state across the country — a harbinger of the fiscal challenges to come. But that's no problem for Washington. It'll just pass another (unfunded) mandate.

Some churches won't want to pay for procedures that violate their beliefs, like contraception, sterilization and abortion. But there's no rush. They have a whole year to figure out how to violate their conscience. Maybe their objections can be papered over by a little creative accounting or verbal prestidigitation here and there.

The word for this process is accommodation. There's no problem, no expense, no objection that can't be met, or at least postponed, or talked away, or discreetly hidden. But start recognizing some conscientious objectors, and the danger is you have to recognize all of them. Soon everybody will want to follow his own conscience. That's no way to maintain an unconscionable law.

Don't fret. It'll all be nice. Just leave it to government. It knows best. And it's all for our own good. The velvet glove will be so soft that after a while we won't notice the iron hand inside.

The important thing is that nothing come between Washington and the people, rulers and ruled. Not the states or church or family or conscience or any of the intermediate layers of government and society that have separated them till now. Edmund Burke called them the “lit-

tle platoons” of a nation, and was much attached to them. But they're outdated. Modern times demand modern remedies — organization, control, direction from the top. That way, all our needs will be recognized and met. Even invented. It'll be nice. Why not lie back and enjoy it?

A French visitor to this then new democracy saw it coming. In his two-volume guide to “Democracy in America” that remains the most relevant study of our system, he pointed out the two great contending forces in the American psyche — the love of liberty and the drive for equality. His conclusion:

Democratic nations are peculiarly susceptible to a soft form of despotism that doesn't so much dictate to its people as embrace them, infantilize them, smother them ever so gently in its all-encompassing arms.

We would all be saved the trouble of making our own decisions, providing our own necessities (like health care), and generally thinking for ourselves. Which was always a bother anyway.

Such a regime would cover “the surface of society with a network of small complicated rules, minute and uniform, through which the most original minds and the most energetic characters cannot penetrate, to rise above the crowd. ... Such a power does not destroy, but it prevents existence; it does not tyrannize, but it compresses, enervates, extinguishes and stupefies a people.”

The important thing is that nothing come between the caretaker State and its subjects, formerly citizens. So there will be no confusion about who is in charge, no divided loyalties with each of us going our own way, following our own ideas rather than melting into the warm ocean of The People Yes. But the road to serfdom must be smooth, broad, safe — an interstate compared to the crooked little roads each of us might choose. It'll be more efficient that way.

In a different era, when the nation was paralyzed by a Great Depression and its own fears and uncertainties, Americans looked to Washington not just for

leadership but salvation. How nice it would be if there were no such things as unemployment, uncertainty, instability, recurring crises and all the other ills that a free people is heir to. Why not pass a law to that effect?

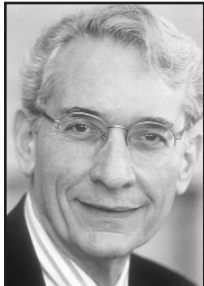
It was called the National Industrial Recovery Act and was passed in the first flood of New Deal emergency legislation in 1933 — toward the end of the fabled Hundred Days. It covered just about everything in the economy — every wage paid for every job, every price for every item manufactured, even down to every chicken slaughtered in New York City.

But it didn't last. The designers of this grand scheme had overlooked a detail or two, like the Constitution of the United States and a Supreme Court willing and able to enforce it. The day of reckoning came May 27, 1935, when the Supreme Court's classical conservatives (like Charles Evans Hughes) and classical liberals (like Louis Dembitz Brandeis) united to strike down the whole scheme as unconstitutional. The court's decision was unanimous. (Schechter Poultry v. U.S., popularly known as the Sick Chicken Case.)

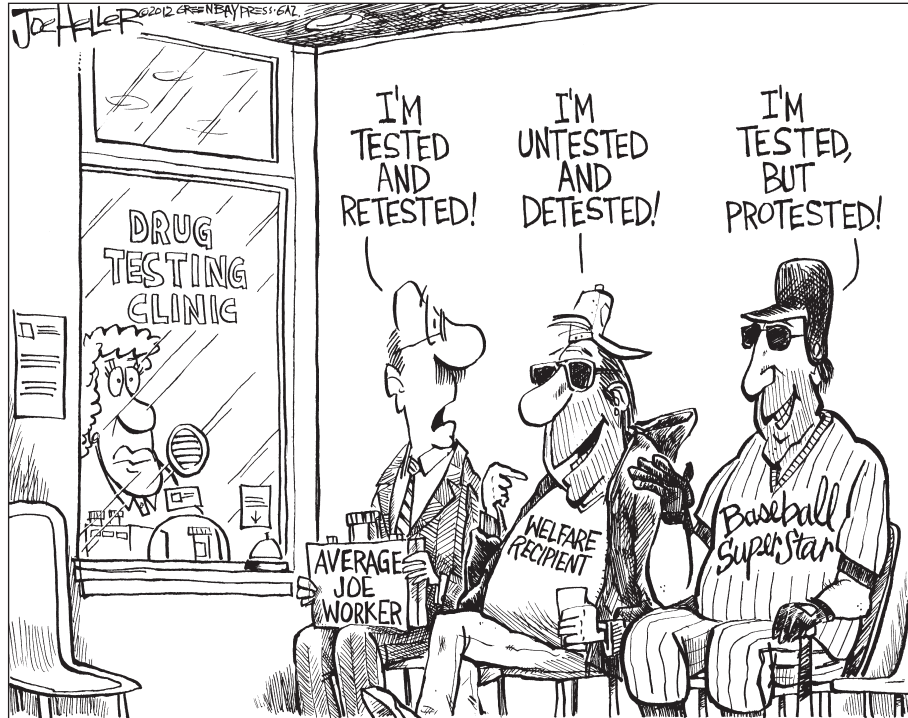
Why? The law was too broad, too detailed, too intrusive. It delegated comprehensive legislative powers to an all-powerful, unelected federal agency, the National Recovery Administration, Gen. Hugh S. Johnson in command. Much the way Obamacare provides that the vast American health-care industry, comprising roughly one-sixth of the national economy, be minutely regulated by a select, secretive, arbitrary bureaucracy.

The Supreme Court is due to begin its hearings on the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act of 2010, the formal name for Obamacare, come Monday, March 26.

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Community
Calendar

TODAY

— Hannah McClure Elementary School PTO meeting, 6 p.m., in the school library.

— Clark County Writers Group meeting, 6-8 p.m., Clark County Public Library, 370 S. Burns Ave. The public is invited.

— Celebrate Recovery, 7 p.m., Calvary Christian Church, 15 Redwing Drive, entrance C. A program based on the 12 steps and the eight Beatitudes for any hurt, habit or hang-up with support for family members, as well as Celebration Station for kids and The Landing for teens. For more information, call Dickie at 744-0817. Meetings are every Tuesday.

WEDNESDAY,
MARCH 14

— Panel discussion on free and low cost sports and recreation opportunities for youth, 11 a.m., Clark County Public Library, free and open to the public. The discussion counts as a Community Services budgeting class.

— Community Education belly dance class, 6:15-7:30 p.m., \$6/class, College Park Library.

— Lecture series on ethics, Emmanuel Episcopal Church, 7 p.m. Potluck dinner will be served at 6 p.m. The speaker will be interim Assisting Bishop Chilton Knudsen of the Episcopal Diocese of Lexington.

THURSDAY,
MARCH 15

— Clark County Friends of the Library meeting, 7-8 p.m., 370 S. Burns Ave. Call Al Bonds, 737-0777, for more information.

FRIDAY, MARCH 16

— Winchester Rotary Club meeting, noon, Winchester Country Club. Dr. Gorden Liddle, retired University of Kentucky professor of psychology, will be the guest speaker.

SUNDAY, MARCH 18

— Chili cook-off benefiting Relay for Life, First Christian Church, noon.

MONDAY, MARCH 19

— Free AARP tax preparation, Central Baptist Church Annex, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

TUESDAY, MARCH 20

— Celebrate Recovery, 7 p.m., Calvary Christian Church, 15 Redwing Drive, entrance C. A program based on the 12 steps and the eight Beatitudes for any hurt, habit or hang-up with support for family members, as well as Celebration Station for kids and The Landing for teens. For more information, call Dickie at 744-0817. Meetings are every Tuesday.

— Free AARP tax preparation, Central Baptist Church Annex, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

— Clark County Human Services Council meeting, noon, Arby's. Representatives from all human services agencies in Clark County are invited.

— Compassionate Friends support group meeting for bereaved parents, Hospice East, Shoppers Drive, 7 p.m. Parents who have lost a child at any age from any cause are invited, as well as family and friends. Adults only.

THE VIEW FROM THE HILL

White out!

Driving mountain roads in winter can test faith

I need to talk about faith this afternoon. I had an experience last weekend that shoved my idea of faith front and center. Before I share my story with you, I looked in The American Heritage Dictionary for the best definition of the word faith. It read, “Faith is the belief that does not rest on logical proof or material evidence.”

Well, OK, that pretty much covers it. To me, faith is a huge state of being and I suspect we throw the word around by claiming to “have faith” in our lives. But, the older and, hopefully, wiser, I get, the more I realize that to live by faith is not an easy thing and that whenever there is no concrete evidence to guide us, we (at least I) panic and where faith should slip into effect, we try to take over and fix things.

One day last week, our son-in-law Steve spent the night with us and then drove me to Denver to consult with a pulmonary specialist. As we started out at 7 a.m. in Salida, the air was cold, the wind was strong but, as for driving conditions, things were fine for the three-hour drive. Steve is a beloved minister of a large church in Littleton and a great one to talk with about most everything. I love every chance I get to talk with him about life-stuff.

We had been en route about an hour and both of us had been talking non-stop. Gene is almost 100 percent deaf, so I resort to talking to our two

cats or even to myself, so I welcome good conversation. The air was crisp and clear around us. All of a sudden, like suddenly entering another world, we found ourselves in a situation like I had never seen before.

Steve immediately reduced our speed to a crawl. We both stopped talking. I noticed he sat leaning forward. He said, “Jean, have you ever been in a ground blizzard? We just drove into one and it will probably stay like this for about 35 miles.”

Well, let me assure you, I had never even heard of a ground blizzard, much less travel through one. Let me try to draw you a picture of what we were facing. It was not actually snowing. More than a foot of snow that had accumulated along the flat stretch of road was being whipped into a white frenzy and blowing sideways. Our car was rocking sideways, trying to stay earth-bound. Our radio pronounced 80 mph winds. But the eeriest part was we could not see more than a few feet in front of us. The world had turned snow white, and we could neither see any other car on the road nor could we even see for sure if our car was *on* the two-lane road.

There was no more talking. He even turned the radio off, as anything that could detract Steve's attention to driving forward was eliminated. I remember just sitting erect in the passenger seat. My heart was beating fast, and my mind

processed that Steve said there would be about 35 miles of this. Questions flew around my brain like, “What happens if we *do* drive off the road into some field on one side or worse, drive into the oncoming lane?”

Straining to see anything, I knew that if a car was no more than a car length ahead of us, we would probably hit it at some point. I knew that quite a few cars were traveling this road to Denver before we drove into this white-out situation so they must still be on the road, not being able to see each other or us. It was so odd. I knew they were right there but where?

As all these facts sort of slipped into placed in my head, suddenly I was scared. I looked over at Steve. “Are you scared, Steve?” He quietly reassured me that he had driven through many ground blizzards right on this road and then he said, “It's time for faith.”

Faith. As I tasted the word, rolled it around in my head, I felt myself unclenching my fists. Instead of trying to strain to “help him to see,” I let my body ease back into the back of the seat. Faith. Faith in what? I slowed my breathing. Well, I had faith in Steve's driving ability. Was that why I relaxed a bit?

Faith. There was no proof that

some car was not just inches away from the front of ours. No way to decide on anything concrete that it was safe to continue forward slowly,

very slowly. We had no evidence that we were even on our side of the center line or even on the road at all. But, stopping our car could only cause a collision from the car behind us who couldn't tell we stopped. No, we had to go forward by faith alone. Faith in what, in whom? It became crystal clear that only God knew where we all were on that

icy road in a ground blizzard. So faith, I learned again, means God.

Did Steve and I pray out loud together? No, but I know for a certainty we each called upon our faith in a God who loves us to take us safely through something no human being could have known how to do.

The amazing ending to this story was, just like we suddenly entered into the ground blizzard, we simply drove over a rise in the road, 35 miles later, and the air was as clear as glass. The wind stopped, the white-out fell to the ground, it was over and we were safe. As we both sort of breathed a sigh of relief, Steve looked over at me and said, “Mema, you were very brave. Faith's amazing, isn't it?” And indeed, it is.

The view from the mountains is wondrous.



Jean Brody

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE LIBRARY

Library forgiving
fines for disaster
relief donations

By John Maruskin
Clark County Library

Everyone is shocked and disturbed about the devastation caused by the tornado in Morgan County. Relief donations are being collected by many Clark Counties agencies, and that includes the library.

If you would like to donate individually wrapped toilet paper, bottled water (individual), toothpaste, tooth brushes, paper plates, plastic spoons, plastic forks, canned meat or other individual foods with pull-tab tops (Beenie-Weenies, potted meat, Vienna sausage, canned fruit, etc.), please bring them to the library and we will pass them on to the fire department for shipment to Morgan County.

To increase donations, we are making it possible for patrons to have fines forgiven by donating to the Morgan County relief effort. For each

of the items listed above, we will take \$1 off a patron's fine. Have a fine of \$10? Bring in 10 bottles of water or any combination of 10 of the items listed above and we'll forgive your fine. If you have questions about this program, please call us. Libraries are an integral part of their communities and we're glad to help.

A few weeks ago I mentioned that reference librarian Andy Gary pleasantly surprised a few patrons by notarizing their documents free. When the patrons asked Andy if there was anything they could do for the library in return, Andy replied, “Tell your friends about us,” and the happy patron responded, “Done.” We hope more of our patrons do that. If you have a library card, and use the library regularly, please tell your friends without cards to come and see us. If you know someone who is looking for



AP photo Vehicles, including two police cruisers, were piled up in front of the West Liberty City Hall March 2 following a tornado strike.

work, remind them about our Open Job Search Lab that happens every Tuesday afternoon from 2-4 p.m. The Job Lab is free and open to the public; you don't have to have a library card to participate. On a first come first served basis, reference librarians help people with resumes, cover letters, job searches and filling out online applications.

Spring's almost here and summer's just around the corner, so parents are searching for sports and activities for their children. At 10 a.m. on Wednesday, in our Community Room, representatives from Clark County Public Schools, the Winchester-Clark County Parks and Recreation Department, the YMCA and the Civitan Club will talk about free

and low-cost sports programs for children. This program meets budget class requirements for Clark Community Services. If you have questions about this program, call 744-5034.

These sports programs, along with the library's fabulous Summer Reading Program for Kids that starts at the end of May, will keep children blissfully occupied all summer long. Wednesday is always movie day and night at the library. This week's movie is based on a best-selling novel set in South Carolina in 1964. Lily Owens, a 14-year-old girl haunted by the memory of her late mother, escapes her lonely life and troubled relationship with her father by fleeing with Rosaleen, her

caregiver and only friend, to a South Carolina town that holds the secret to her mother's past. Taken in by the intelligent and independent Boatwright sisters, Lily finds solace in their mesmerizing world of beekeeping.

Write Local is looking for new members. We meet Fridays at 10 a.m. in the library board room. If you're apprehensive about sharing your writing with strangers, rest assured our writers are not strange at all. Congeniality and good humor are by-words with us.

The final word: If you want to attend the tomato growing class at 10 a.m. Saturday, call the library as soon as you finish this sentence. The class is on the verge of full.

25 Years Ago

March 13, 1987

Rainbow House, a crisis and special needs day care center operated by the Clark County Children's Council, has closed its doors. But the council hasn't abandoned the program, just turned its attention in a different direction. Instead, they will concentrate on the Latchkey Program, a program currently in place at Shearer School to provide care after

school for children whose parents work.

Elizabeth Chalfant demonstrated the art of stenciling to members of Alpha Alpha Chapter of Alpha Delta Kappa Monday evening at the Clark RECC, Iron Works Road. Mrs. Chalfant displayed several lampshades and floorecloths she

had stenciled.

Members participated in the microwave cooking lesson held at the March meeting of the Cotton Branch Homemakers Club in the community room at College Park. The lesson was led by Emma Gravett, president. The secretary's report was given by Ethel Harper.

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Adopt-a-Highway groups to ‘spring clean’ state roadsides

FRANKFORT — Volunteers will be out in force next week to spring clean Kentucky highways. The Transportation Cabinet announced Monday that Adopt-a-Highway Spring Clean Week will be March 18-24.

“The Kentucky Transportation Cabinet appreciates the efforts of our Adopt-a-Highway volunteers who help keep our highways and communities beautiful and litter-free,”

Transportation Secretary Mike Hancock said in a cabinet press release. Nearly 800 groups participate in Kentucky’s Adopt-a-Highway program, which was established in 1988. Volunteers clean approximately 5,100 miles of roadside annually, setting an example of responsible environmental stewardship.

The Adopt-a-Highway program promotes public environmental

awareness and supports tourism. The program also creates a partnership between citizens, community and government, and establishes a sense of pride in the Bluegrass State.

Any permanently established business, association, community or public organization, or government entity can adopt a stretch of highway. A wide range of groups throughout Kentucky now partici-

pate, including homemaker clubs, Boy Scout and Girl Scout troops, high school organizations, service clubs, veterans, college fraternities and sororities, sports teams and church groups, among others.

Volunteers adopt two-mile sections of highway under a two-year, renewable contract with the Transportation Cabinet.

Groups interested in becoming members of the Adopt-a-Highway

Program can find details and district coordinator information at <http://adopt-a-highway.ky.gov/>.

Safety guidelines are provided to volunteers and should be reviewed prior to each cleanup.

Litter pickups are held at least four times per year or as many times as necessary to keep adopted areas reasonably litter-free. The cabinet coordinates three annual clean-up efforts.

Maryland student arrested after threats

COLLEGE PARK, Md. (AP) — A University of Maryland honor student who warned on websites he was going to “kill enough people to make it to national news” was arrested after several people reported the online messages to police, helping to thwart a threatened campus rampage, authorities said.

While the threat was dismissed by some online as harmless, a former student who used to work with campus police took it seriously and first called authorities Saturday night. By Sunday morning, police had set up surveillance on Alexander Song and arrested him on campus.

“The best security we have is us looking after each other,” said university police chief David Mitchell. “And that’s exactly what happened. Three people saw online postings and called us.”

The 19-year-old Song was shaking and crying when he was taken into custody and appeared “emotionally distraught,” Mitchell said. He has admitted to feeling stressed out, though police say they’re still not sure what made him so upset.

Wyo. town up for sale

BUFORD, Wyo. (AP) — What’s advertised as the smallest town in the United States is scheduled to go up for auction next month.

Buford, located between Cheyenne and Laramie in southeast Wyoming, is famous for having just one inhabitant, Don Sammons.

Sammons plans to retire from managing his businesses at Buford and move on. The auction is set for noon on April 5.

Buford traces its origins the 1860s and the construction of the Transcontinental Railroad and had as many as 2,000 residents before the railroad was rerouted.


Sammons and his family moved from Los Angeles to Buford in 1980. Family members moved away over the years, but Sammons stayed on as sole resident and “mayor” of the unincorporated community. He bought the trading post in 1992 and operated it until last year.

“It was a great life for me and for my family,” he said, adding it would be the same for anyone looking for a unique operation.

Buford sits at an elevation of 8,000 feet and is the highest town along Interstate 80 between New York and California. The area offers impressive views of the Rocky Mountains but is prone to extreme winds and frigid temperatures — even by Wyoming standards.

Assets up for sale will include a gas station and convenience store, a 1905 schoolhouse that has been used as an office, a cabin, a garage, 10 acres of land and a three-bedroom home, the Wyoming Tribune Eagle reported.



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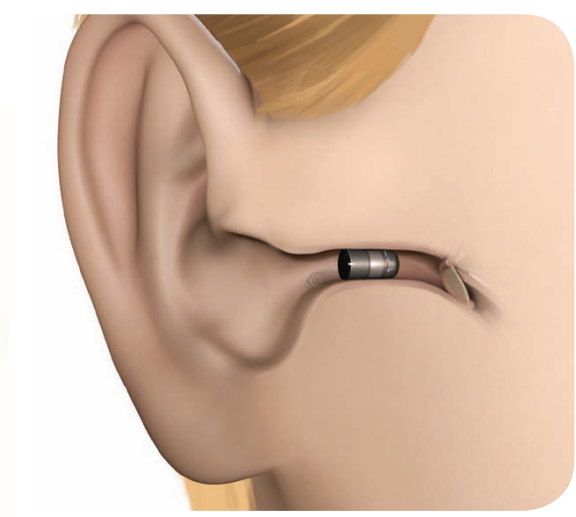
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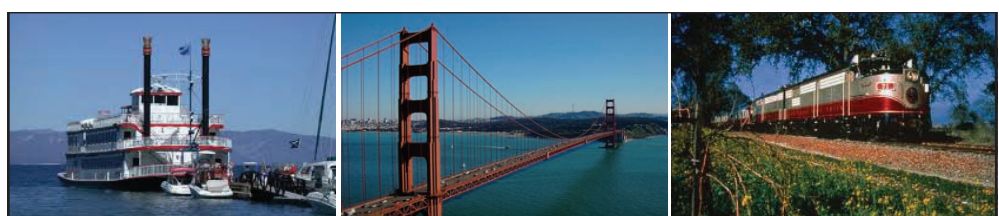
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Girls Scouts observe 100th year

Ken Henry plays Taps during the Girl Scout friendship circle during the closing moments of the Girl Scouts' 100th year anniversary celebration Monday afternoon, right. Girl Scouts had to look high in the air at the American flag to say the pledge during the program held in front of the Clark County Courthouse, below. There are 12 troops with about 300 Girl Scouts in Clark County.
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New Hamburg Office

Lexington Women's Health will extend their services to the Hamburg area beginning on March 5, 2012. The office will be located at 1775 Alysheba Way, Suite 180. In addition to our Central Baptist Hospital location, Dr.'s Emily Cunningham, Jennifer Fuson, Elizabeth Case and Leah Mitchell will each see patients in our Hamburg office. They will be joined by Deborah French, PA-C and Angela Reich, APRN in providing gynecological care. This location will provide gynecology and aesthetic services.


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NCAA Women
UK receives
No. 2 seed

LEXINGTON (AP) — Kentucky's record start and Southeastern Conference regular season title overcame the Wildcats' recent stumble.

"It's really a historic night for us," coach Matthew Mitchell said. "It's the first time in our school's history that the women's program has been in three straight tournaments. It's the first time we've ever gotten a seed this high. It's a great night for us."

Kentucky (25-6) matched its highest seed ever in the NCAA women's tournament when it received the two seed in the Kingston region of the NCAA women's tournament on Monday night.

The Wildcats also received a two seed in 1982. This group will play 15-seed McNeese State (26-7) on Saturday afternoon in Ames, Iowa. The winner will face either Green Bay or the host, Iowa State, in the second round on Monday.

NCAA
Western ready
to face MVSU

DAYTON, Ohio (AP) — The NCAA tournament has a team that defines the long shot.

Western Kentucky lost 11 of its first 16 games, fired its head coach at midseason and wound up reaching the NCAA tournament anyway with a losing record. The Hilltoppers are 15-18 heading into their opening game today against Mississippi Valley State as part of the First Four.

They're the first team since Coppin State in 2009 to reach the tournament with a losing record. They won four in a row at the Sun Belt tournament to get their conference's automatic bid, overcoming a 13-point deficit in the title game.

They're only the fourth team since 1997 to reach the NCAA tournament after a coaching change during the season, joining Wisconsin (2001), Utah (2004), and Indiana (2008).

Former George Rogers Clark standout Vinny Zollo is in his first season with the Hilltoppers.

SEC Basketball
Cats' Davis named
league's top player

ATLANTA (AP) — One day after its first loss in more than three months, Kentucky got back to winning.

The top-ranked Wildcats made a clean sweep of the awards Monday on The Associated Press All-Southeastern Conference team. Freshman Anthony Davis was a unanimous choice for player of the year and newcomer of the year, while John Calipari took the coaching honor for the second time in three seasons at Kentucky.

Davis was joined on the first team by another unanimous selection, Vanderbilt junior guard John Jenkins, the only player to repeat from last year's All-SEC team.

The remainder of the first team included Michael Kidd-Gilchrist, and two players from Mississippi State, junior forward Arnett Moultrie and senior guard Dee Bost.

Prep Basketball
Heflin part
of Team USA

Andrea Heflin, granddaughter of Winchester Sun business manager Linda Depue, has been chosen to attend the NCAA exposure boot camp this summer and compete in summer games as a member of Team USA, sponsored by Sportek Events.

Heflin, 14, is a freshman at LaGrange High School in Georgia and was chosen based on her "exceptional play and dedication to the sport."

Boys State Tournament: G. Rogers Clark vs. Apollo



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Clark center Adam Fatkin goes up for a shot during the 10th Region finals last week at the MCHS Arena in Mount Sterling. Clark (30-5) opens the state tournament against Owensboro Apollo at 8 p.m. Wednesday at Rupp Arena.

Cardinals
fearless

Stenzel:
Tourney
stage no
big deal

Sweet 16

Wednesday's games
Noon, Rowan Co. vs. North Laurel
1:30 p.m., Southwestern vs. Hopkinsville
6:30 p.m., Bullitt East vs. Trinity
8 p.m., G. Rogers Clark vs. Apollo

Thursday's games
Noon, Bowling Green vs. Oldham County
1:30 p.m., Boone Co. vs. Knott Central
6:30 p.m., Marshall Co. vs. Scott Co.
8 p.m., John Hardin vs. Johnson Central

Friday's games
Noon, Rowan-North Laurel winner vs. Southwestern-Hopkinsville winner
1:30 p.m., Bullitt East-Trinity winner vs. Clark-Apollo winner
6:30 p.m., Bowling Green-Oldham winner vs. Boone Co.-Knott Central winner
8 p.m., Marshall Co.-Scott Co. winner vs. John Hardin-Johnson Central winner
* All games broadcast on WKYN 107.7 FM

By Keith Taylor
The Winchester Sun

Bopper Stenzel won't be a stranger when he steps on the court at Rupp Arena Wednesday night. He will be in familiar territory.

Stenzel, a senior, was a starting guard on the Cardinals' state tournament team last season and returns to the Sweet Sixteen to conclude his prep career. His brother Robbie Stenzel, now at Eastern Kentucky University, played his final game for Clark at Rupp Arena last year.

During the past couple of days, Stenzel has been offering advice to a cast of newcomers who will step into the limelight after watching the prestigious event from the sidelines last season. The team's starting cast includes two members of the team – Dominic VanCleve and Taylor

Howard – who weren't on the court during the team's state tournament appearance a year ago.

Stenzel has been giving VanCleve, Howard and others pointers on how to handle the atmosphere in the University of Kentucky's men's basketball team's home venue.

"I've told them not to be nervous," he said earlier this week. "We've just got to go out and treat it like it's another game."

Stenzel's classmate Adam Fatkin agreed.

"You can't pay attention to where you're at," he said. "I know



**G. Rogers Clark
vs. Apollo**

When:
Wednesday
at Rupp Arena
Time: 8 p.m.
Records: Clark:
30-5. Apollo: 17-14
Radio: 107.7 FM
WKYN

See CARDS, B2

Wiltjer
ready
for first
dance

By Keith Taylor
The Winchester Sun

LEXINGTON — Kyle Wiltjer is looking forward to his first Big Dance this week.

"It's really exciting (to be playing in the tournament)," the Kentucky freshman guard said. "Being able to watch it the last couple of years and to finally be a part of it (is exciting) and I'm just humbled to be here. I'm excited for it. We want to make a run for (a national title)."

Wiltjer remembers cheering for last year's team that got on a roll and reached the Final Four, before losing to eventual champion Connecticut in the national semifinals at Reliant Stadium in Houston, Texas.

"I was definitely watching every game (last year)," he said.

Although the Wildcats (31-2) lost to Vanderbilt in the finals of the Southeastern Conference Tournament, Wiltjer is "confident" Kentucky can rebound from the loss to the Commodores.

"We're excited for it," he said. "We lost (Sunday), which isn't good, but we definitely can learn from it and moving forward we can learn a lot of things and get better."

Wiltjer added that the Cats can learn from the contest like they did following a loss to Indiana on Dec. 10 in Bloomington. Following the setback to the Hoosiers, Kentucky won 24 straight games, ran the table in the conference and won two contests in the tournament before the loss to the Commodores Sunday in New Orleans.

"It (the loss) is going to inspire us to not lose again," he said. "We just want to approach every game like it's our last (game) and play with fire in the tournament."

In order to formulate the same success the team had following the one-point setback at Indiana, Wiltjer said it will require the same work ethic and approach this time around. Wiltjer added that the one-point setback was alarming and sent a signal to the team, which lost its top ranking before regaining the top slot several weeks later.

"It (the loss to Indiana) woke us up and definitely showed us the things that we needed to work on. We worked really hard. We listened to coach (Calipari) and relied on coach, because he knows best. He's been there and done that. We honed down on defense and really improved our game."

Wiltjer is glad the Cats are playing close to home and added that

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Next game:
vs. WKU
or MVSU
When:
Thursday
Time:
6:40 p.m.
Radio/TV:
TBS; 107.7 FM WKYN

Austin
signs



George Rogers Clark senior Chase Austin signed a national letter-of-intent to play football at Georgetown College Monday at the school. Austin is joined on the front row by parents Betty and Anthony Austin and Kris Ann Creteau. Back row: Shannon Cox, James Stults, Tyler Creteau, Dominic VanCleve, Paul Columbia, Kelvin Elkins and Dustin Howard.

Obama to attend tournament opener

WASHINGTON (AP) — Basketball fan-in-chief President Barack Obama is giving British Prime Minister David Cameron a front-row seat to March Madness, taking his European partner to an NCAA tournament basketball game in Ohio, an election swing state.

Obama and Cameron are attending a "First Four" matchup in Dayton, Ohio, between Mississippi Valley State and Western Kentucky tonight, a gesture of goodwill during Cameron's official visit to the United States and a way for an incumbent president to reach sports fans in an election year.

The White House said the trip to the NCAA tournament game was intended to showcase the special relationship between the two key allies during Cameron's three-day visit. Obama and Cameron will discuss the upcoming NATO and G-8 summits on Wednesday, followed by a state dinner at the White House.

Obama and Cameron were scheduled to appear in a live halftime interview on truTV, which was airing the game, with sportscaster Clark Kellogg. Kellogg interviewed Obama at halftime of a Duke-Georgetown game in 2010 and spoke with the president later that year during a White House game of "HORSE" aired on CBS during the NCAA tournament.

Obama was also maintaining his tradition of discussing his NCAA tournament bracket picks on ESPN, the sports network he watches on a daily basis. The president's selections for the men's tournament were being released Wednesday morning.

Republicans panned the trip, saying many Americans would prefer Obama to focus on more pressing issues.

"While showing off our amazing college basketball teams is great, many Americans struggling to find jobs, dealing with soaring gas prices, or concerned with our rising deficit and debt would probably like the president spend at least as much time dealing with those issues," said Sean Spicer, a spokesman for the Republican National Committee.

Obama's quick trip to Ohio gives him a chance to connect with basketball fans and generate attention in Ohio, which he carried in the 2008 election and is considered one of the top toss-up states in 2012.

The trip comes one week after Republican front-runner Mitt Romney captured Ohio's GOP primary.

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he expects the same following the team had during the SEC Tournament last weekend in New Orleans.

"We're excited for it," Wiltjer said. "Big Blue Nation travels very well and to be part of the fan base is such a great honor."

Wiltjer said playing at the Yum! Center has additional advantages along with being close to home.

"We can play off the crowd," he said. "We usually don't like to play off the crowd, but we just want to play our game and do what we do, but that's one advantage to having them (the fans) with us."

Scoreboard

NCAA Women

DES MOINES REGIONAL

First Round

Saturday, March 17

At Allstate Arena

Rosemont, Ill.

Tennessee (24-8) vs. UT-Martin (23-8), 4:10 p.m.

DePaul (22-10) vs. BYU (26-6), 30 minutes following

Sunday, March 18

At Stroh Center

Bowling Green, Ohio

Ohio St. (25-6) vs. Florida (19-12), 12:15 p.m.

Baylor (34-0) vs. UC Santa Barbara (17-15)), 30 minutes following

At Carmichael Arena

Chapell Hill, N.C.

Georgetown (22-8) vs. Fresno St. (28-5), 12:20 p.m.

Georgia Tech (24-8) vs. Sacred Heart (25-7), 30 minutes following

At Jack Stephens Center

Little Rock, Ark.

Delaware (30-1) vs. UALR (20-12), 5:20 p.m.

Nebraska (24-8) vs. Kansas (19-12) 30 minutes following

Second Round

Monday, March 19

At Allstate Arena

Rosemont, Ill.

DePaul-BYU winner vs. Tennessee-UT-Martin winner, TBA

Tuesday, March 20

At Stroh Center

Bowling Green, Ky.

Baylor-UC Santa Barbara winner vs. Ohio St.-Florida winner, TBA

At Carmichael Arena

Chapell Hill, N.C.

Georgetown-Fresno St. winner vs. Georgia Tech-Sacred Heart, TBA

At Jack Stephens Center

Little Rock, Ark.

Nebraska-Kansas winner vs. Delaware-UALR winner, TBA

Regional Semifinals

At Wells Fargo Arena

Des Moines, Iowa

Saturday, March 24

Baylor-UC Santa Barbara-Ohio St.-Florida winner vs. Georgetown-Fresno St. winner vs. Georgia Tech-Sacred Heart, TBA

Nebraska-Kansas-Delaware-UALR winner vs. DePaul-BYU-Tennessee-UT-Martin winner, TBA

Regional Championship

Monday, March 26

Semifinal winners, TBA

FRESNO REGIONAL

First Round

Saturday, March 17

At Ted Constant Convocation Center

Norfolk, Va.

West Virginia (23-9) vs. Texas (18-13), 11:10 a.m.

Stanford (31-1) vs. Hampton (26-4), 30 minutes following

At Mackey Arena

West Lafayette, Ind.

South Carolina (23-9) vs. Eastern Michigan (23-8), 11:05 a.m.

Purdue (24-8) vs. South Dakota St. (24-8), 30 minutes following

Sunday, March 18

At Lloyd Noble Center

Norman, Okla.

St. John's (NY) (22-9) vs. Creighton (20-12), 5:05 p.m.

Oklahoma (20-12) vs. Michigan (20-11), 30 minutes following

At Memorial Gymnasium

Nashville, Tenn.

Vanderbilt (22-9) vs. Middle Tennessee (26-6), 5:10 p.m.

Duke (24-5) vs. Samford (20-12), 30 minutes following

Second Round

Monday, March 19

At Ted Constant Convocation Center

Norfolk, Va.

West Virginia-Texas winner vs. Stanford-Hampton winner, TBA

At Mackey Arena

West Lafayette, Ind.

South Carolina-Eastern Michigan winner vs. Purdue-South Dakota St. winner, TBA

Tuesday, March 20

At Lloyd Noble Center

Norman, Okla.

St. John's (NY)-Creighton winner vs. Oklahoma-Michigan winner, TBA

At Memorial Gymnasium

Nashville, Tenn.

Vanderbilt-Middle Tennessee winner vs. Duke-Samford

On the Air

Today

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

6:30 p.m.

truTV — NCAA Division I tournament,

first round, MVSU vs. W. Kentucky

7 p.m.

ESPN2 — NIT, first round, UMass at Mississippi St.

7:30 p.m.

ESPN — NIT, first round, Dayton at Iowa

9 p.m.

ESPN2 — NIT, first round, Akron at Northwestern

truTV — NCAA Division I tournament,

first round, BYU vs. Iona, at Dayton, Ohio

9:30 p.m.

ESPN — NIT, first round, LSU at Oregon

11 p.m.

ESPN2 — NIT, first round, Cleveland St. at Stanford

NHL HOCKEY

7:30 p.m.

NBCSN — Carolina at N.Y. Rangers

Local Sports

Wednesday

PREP BASKETBALL

KHSAA Sweet 16 at Rupp Arena

8 p.m.

George Rogers Clark vs. Owensboro Apollo

(WKYN 107.7 FM)

Thursday

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

6:40 p.m.

Kentucky vs. W. Kentucky-Miss. Valley St. winner

winner, TBA

Regional Semifinals

At Save Mart Center

Fresno, Calif.

Saturday, March 24

West Virginia-Texas-Stanford-Hampton winner vs. South

Carolina-Eastern Michigan-Purdue-South Dakota St.

winner, TBA

St. John's (NY)-Creighton-Oklahoma-Michigan winner

vs. Vanderbilt-Middle Tennessee-Duke-Samford winner,

TBA

Regional Championship

Monday, March 26

Semifinal winners, TBA

RALEIGH REGIONAL

First Round

Saturday, March 17

At Reed Arena

College Station, Texas

Arkansas (23-8) vs. Dayton (23-6), 4:05 p.m.

Texas A&M (22-10) vs. Albany (NY) (23-9), 30 minutes following

At Comcast Center

College Park, Md.

Maryland (28-4) vs. Navy (18-13), 11:15 a.m.

Louisville (22-9) vs. Michigan St. (20-11), 30 minutes following

Sunday, March 18

At Joyce Center

Notre Dame, Ind.

California (24-9) vs. Iowa (19-11), 12:10 p.m.

Notre Dame (30-3) vs. Liberty (24-8), 30 minutes following

At Donlad L. Tucker Center

Tallahassee, Fla.

Georgia (22-8) vs. Marist (25-7), 12:05 p.m.

St. Bonaventure (29-3) vs. Florida Gulf Coast (29-2),

30 minutes following

Second Round

Monday, March 19

At Reed Arena

College Station, Texas

Arkansas-Dayton winner vs. Texas A&M-Albany (NY) winner, TBA

At Comcast Center

College Park, Md.

Maryland-Navy winner vs. Louisville-Michigan St. winner, TBA

Tuesday, March 20

At Joyce Center

Notre Dame, Ind.

California-Iowa winner vs. Notre Dame-Liberty winner,

TBA

At Donlad L. Tucker Center

Tallahassee, Fla.

Georgia-Marist winner vs. St. Bonaventure-Florida Gulf

Coast winner, TBA

Regional Semifinals

At PNC Arena

Raleigh, N.C.

Sunday, March 25

Arkansas-Dayton-Texas A&M-Albany (NY) winner vs.

Maryland-Navy-Louisville-Michigan St. winner, TBA

California-Iowa-Notre Dame-Liberty winner vs. Georgia-

Marist-St. Bonaventure-Florida Gulf Coast winner, TBA

Tuesday, March 27

Regional Championship

Semifinal winners, TBA

KINGSTON REGIONAL

First Round

Saturday, March 17

At Webster Bank Arena

Bridgeport, Conn.

Kansas St. (19-13) vs. Princeton (24-4), 11:20 a.m.

Connecticut (29-4) vs. Prairie View (17-15), 30 minutes following

At McCarthy Athletic Center

Spokane, Wash.

Rutgers (22-9) vs. Gonzaga (26-5), 4:15 p.m.

Miami (25-5) vs. Idaho St. (24-7), 30 minutes following

At Hilton Coliseum

Ames, Iowa

Kentucky (25-6) vs. McNeese St. (26-7), 4:20 p.m.

Green Bay (30-1) vs. Iowa St. (18-12), 30 minutes following

Sunday, March 18

At Maravich Center

Baton Rouge, La.

Penn St. (24-6) vs. UTEP (29-3), 5:15 p.m.

LSU (22-10) vs. San Diego State (25-6), 30 minutes following

Second Round

Monday, March 19

At Webster Bank Arena

Bridgeport, Conn.

Kansas St.-Princeton winner vs. Connecticut-Prairie

View winner, TBA

At McCarthy Athletic Center

Spokane, Wash.

Rutgers-Gonzaga winner vs. Miami-Idaho St. winner, TBA

At Hilton Coliseum

Ames, Iowa

Kentucky-McNeese St. winner vs. Green Bay-Iowa St.

winner, TBA

Tuesday, March 20

At Maravich Center

Baton Rouge, La.

Penn St.-UTEP winner vs. LSU-San Diego State winner,

TBA

Regional Semifinals

At The Ryan Center

Kingston, R.I.

Sunday, March 25

Kansas St.-Princeton-Connecticut-Prairie View winner

vs. Penn St.-UTEP-LSU-San Diego State winner, TBA

Rutgers-Gonzaga-Miami-Idaho St. winner vs. Kentucky-

McNeese St.-Green Bay-Iowa St. winner, TBA

Regional Championship

Tuesday, March 27

Semifinal winners, TBA

NBA

Monday's Games

Milwaukee 105, New Jersey 99

Chicago 104, New York 99

Charlotte 73, New Orleans 71

San Antonio 112, Washington 97

Utah 105, Detroit 90

Minnesota 127, Phoenix 124

Boston 94, L.A. Clippers 85

Tuesday's Games

Toronto at Cleveland, 7 p.m.

Portland at Indiana, 7 p.m.

Miami at Orlando, 7 p.m.

Houston at Oklahoma City, 8 p.m.

L.A. Lakers at Memphis, 8 p.m.

Washington at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.

Atlanta at Denver, 9 p.m.

Golden State at Sacramento, 10 p.m.

Wednesday's Games

Philadelphia at Indiana, 7 p.m.

Toronto at New Jersey, 7:30 p.m.

Portland at New York, 7:30 p.m.

Charlotte at Houston, 8 p.m.

L.A. Lakers at New Orleans, 8 p.m.

Cleveland at Milwaukee, 8 p.m.

Orlando at San Antonio, 8:30 p.m.

Miami at Chicago, 9:30 p.m.

Detroit at Sacramento, 10 p.m.

Boston at Golden State, 10:30 p.m.

Atlanta at L.A. Clippers, 10:30 p.m.

Utah at Phoenix, 10:30 p.m.

CARDS

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it's hard to do, but you have to take it like a regular game."

Clark (30-5) won its first-round games during previous state appearances in 2011 and 2007 and faces an Owensboro Apollo squad that lost to Daviess County 68-54 in the finals of the 9th District Tournament, but caught fire during the 3rd Region Tournament to earn a spot in the state tournament. Apollo escaped with a 52-51 triumph over Ohio County in the opening round, rolled past Meade County 82-55 in the regional semifinals, before concluding a successful run in the region with a 64-62 triumph over Muhlenberg County in the finale.

"They're playing their best ball of the year, right now," Humphrey said. "You'll see a few of those (surprise) teams every year at the state tournament to where all season long, they don't

CONTACT BRIDGE BY STEVEN BECKER

Keep Your Eye on the Ball

South dealer. Neither side vulnerable.

NORTH
♠ 6 5 3 2
♥ A Q 9
♦ 8 5 4
♣ 10 9 7

WEST
♠ 10
♥ 7 5 3
♦ K Q J 10 6 2
♣ A Q 6

EAST
♥ 9 8 4
♦ K J 8 4
♠ 9 7 3
♣ 5 3 2

SOUTH
♠ A K Q J 7
♥ 10 6 2
♦ A
♣ K J 8 4

The bidding:
South 1 ♠ West 2 ♣ North 2 ♠ East Pass

Opening lead — king of diamonds.

also lost. He then ruffed East's diamond return with his last trump.

After playing a heart to the ace, declarer finessed the ten of clubs, losing to the queen. West led another diamond, forcing dummy to ruff, and then scored the last two tricks with the ace of clubs and a diamond. So the outcome was that South went down two!

However, declarer should have made the contract. All he had to do after winning the diamond lead and drawing trumps was to tackle clubs instead of hearts by leading the king of clubs at trick five. In the actual deal, West wins with the ace and can do no better than return a heart. Declarer finesses the queen, losing to the king, and East returns a diamond. South ruffs and leads a low club, forcing West to win either this club or the next one. It then does not matter what West returns. If he leads another heart, declarer takes dummy's ace, ruffs a diamond, discards dummy's nine of hearts on his fourth club and so makes 10 tricks.

Declarer should not allow the temptation of the heart and club finesses to cloud his vision. He should proceed directly toward his 10-trick goal as though he had never heard of a finesse.

Tomorrow: The psychological factor.

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WORD SLEUTH

BROUGHT TO THE MOUTH

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P N D E K L I G D B Z X V E S
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Q P O A K M L E D W K I H F G

Monday's unlisted clue: STAIRS

Find the listed words in the diagram. They run in all directions - forward, backward, up, down and diagonally.

Tuesday's unlisted clue hint: USED BY A REFEREE

Cigarette Floss Megaphone Toothbrush
Clarinet Food Pills Toothpick
Cup Fork Pipe Trumpet
Drill Harmonica Straw

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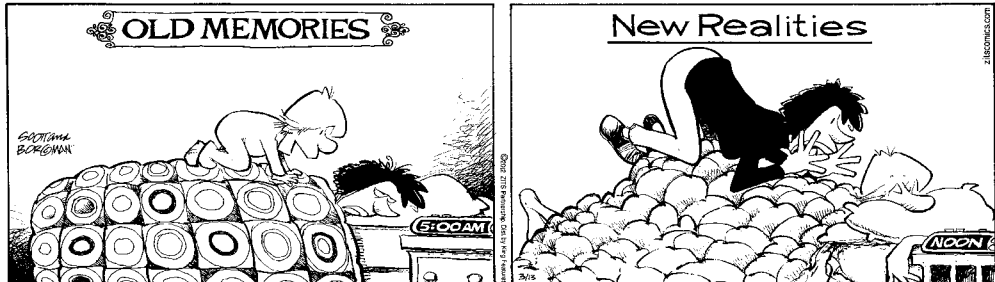


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Baby Blues



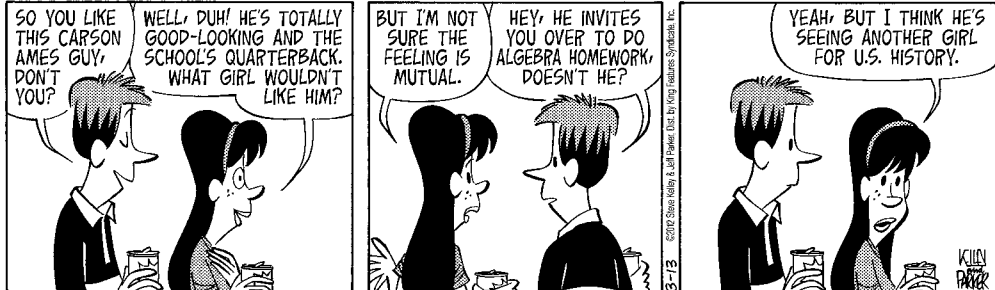
Crankshaft



The Phantom



Dustin



HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Tuesday, March 13, 2013:

This year when you are confused, go within. You have a remarkable sixth sense, and this gift will evolve over the next 12 months.

Travel, education and a foreigner could play into your year. Your perspective widens enormously. Use caution with your finances. It is quite possible that someone you trusted could cause a problem.

If you are single, you will be drawn to someone quite unique.

After June, be careful not to mix business with pleasure. If you are attached, as a couple you gain more understanding by imagining what it is like to be the other person. SCORPIO understands your emotions.

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★★★★ You move through a problem with ease. Your sense of direction could be off, as your mind climbs many imaginary mountains. A misunderstanding could trigger angry reactions. Stay cool, and let any unkind words fall on deaf ears. Tonight: Escape the here and now.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★★★ A close associate could add to the confusion. This person also could be a cherished partner. You might gain a lot of insight by pulling back. Somehow, your detachment gives you new insight. Tonight: Dinner for two.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★★★ Others come forward and could cause your well-planned day to fall apart. Listen to requests and perhaps accept an invitation or two. Popularity does exact a

heavy price. Decide what your priorities are. You will grow and gain knowledge. Tonight: Defer to others.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★★★ Assess a situation surrounding your daily life. You might not know which way to go with a personal decision. Don't decide until you feel certain. Others might be unusually irritable. Chill out, and handle a personal matter. Tonight: Let your mind drift to a favorite form of entertainment.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★★★ While others stress out, you discover how uptight you are. Listen to news and integrate it, knowing that better outcomes lie ahead. A smile helps others relax. Curb a tendency to try to make peace at all costs. Tonight: Romp the night away.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★★★ Your focus on security takes a prominent role in decision making. You suddenly could become irritated and feel as if you are not getting anywhere. Try to mellow out. Walk in others' shoes. Tonight: Happily head home.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★★★ You might want to relax before you try to understand what is happening. Others are reacting. The unexpected shakes up a partner, like it or not. Speak your mind, but be ready for a lot of questions. Express your anger in a way that someone can hear. Tonight: Catch up on a friend's news.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★★★ Be aware of what is going on financially — the unexpected could run riot. You might want to evaluate information that is coming forward. A friend could be angry and on a real tear. Try not to get involved. Tonight: Your treat.

CROSSWORD

By THOMAS JOSEPH

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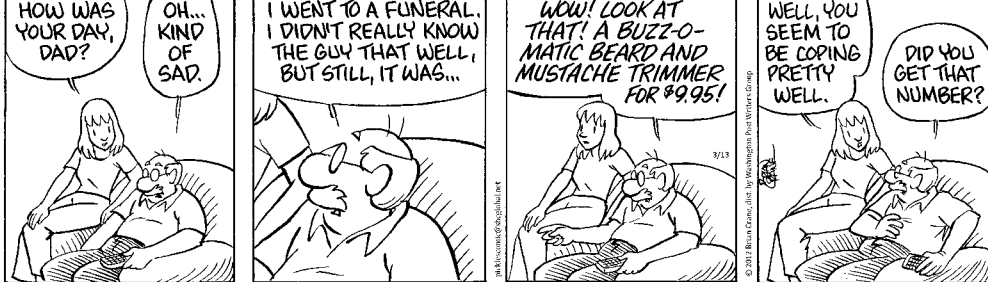
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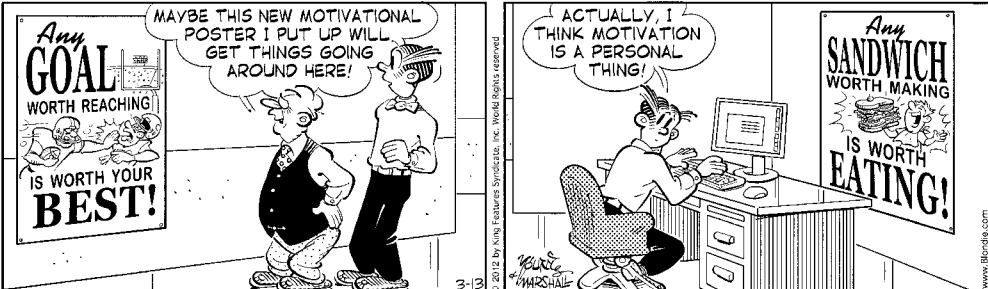
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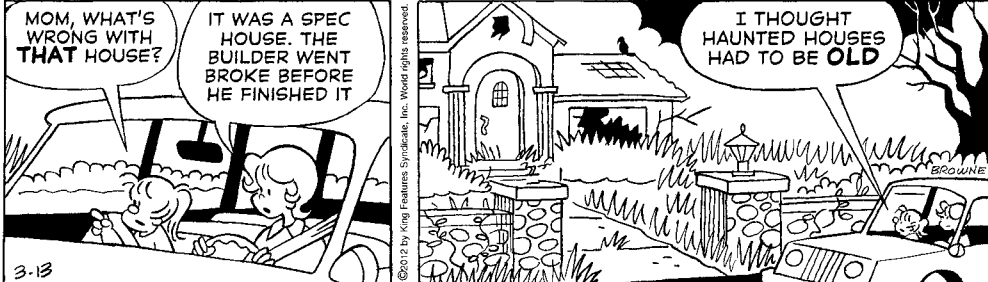
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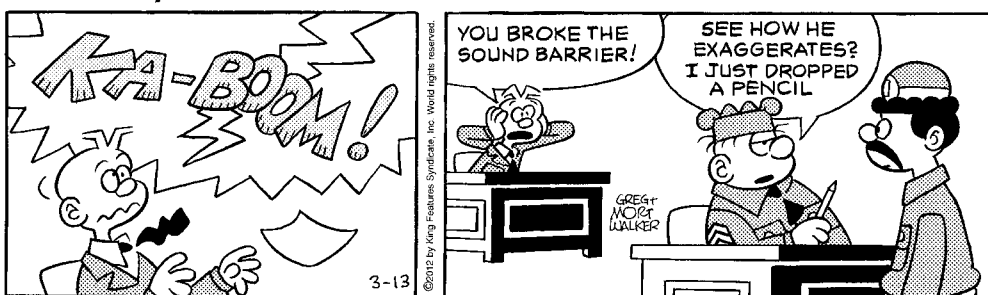
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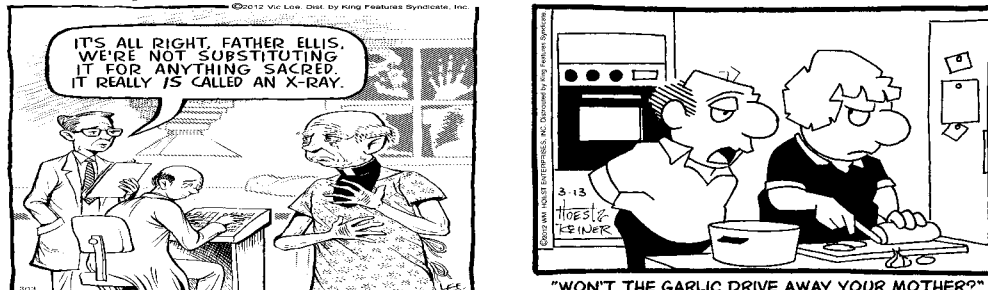
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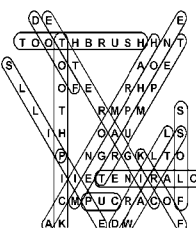
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NCAA: Breaking down the bracket

FIRST FOUR
MISSISSIPPI VALLEY STATE vs. Western Kentucky — The Delta Devils will be helped by their brutal early schedule.
IONA vs. Brigham Young University — The Gaels were the surprise at-large pick. When people get a look at Scott Machado, one of the best point guards in the country, this won't be a shock.
VERMONT vs. Lamar — The Catamounts are a strong defensive team that can take advantage of all the attention Cardinals coach Pat Knight and his derogatory comments about his seniors will draw.
SOUTH FLORIDA vs. California — The Bulls are very physical, and it just isn't the Pac-12's year.

SOUTH REGIONAL SECOND ROUND
(1) **KENTUCKY** vs. (16) **Mississippi Valley State** — It will be sentimental before the blowout as Delta Devils coach Sean Woods goes against the school he led to the regional finals 20 years ago.
(9) **CONNECTICUT** vs. (8) **Iowa State** — The Huskies are a different team with Jim Calhoun back on the bench, and they are the only team with a chance to repeat as champion.
(5) **WICHITA STATE** vs. **Virginia Commonwealth** — The Shockers have a good big man in Garrett Stutz, and the Rams can't sneak up on anybody after reaching the Final Four last year.
(13) **NEW MEXICO STATE** vs. (4) **Indiana** — The Aggies are a very athletic team; the Hoosiers are a team with no NCAA experience.
(6) **UNLV** vs. (11) **Colorado** — The Runnin' Rebels are going to be happy to get away from Mountain West teams.
(3) **BAYLOR** vs. (14) **South Dakota State** — Five of the Bears' seven losses were to Kansas and Missouri; the Jackrabbits aren't on that level.
(10) **XAVIER** vs. (7) **Notre Dame** — The Musketeers' backcourt can speed things up against the Fighting Irish, who have had a lot of trouble scoring lately.
(2) **DUKE** vs. **Lehigh** — The Blue Devils just don't lose NCAA games in the state of North Carolina.

THIRD ROUND
CONNECTICUT vs. **Kentucky** — This is a rematch of last year's national semifinal. Connecticut's Andre Drummond gets a chance to show he could be on the level of Anthony Davis of the Wildcats in a matchup of freshmen big men.
WICHITA STATE vs. **New Mexico State** — While most people watch Stutz in the middle, the Shockers have a pretty good backcourt that can run with the Aggies.
UNLV vs. **Baylor** — Teams aren't shy about letting 3s fly against the Bears' zone, and the Runnin' Rebels have four players who can hit them.
DUKE vs. **Xavier** — The Blue Devils have plenty of Plumlees to take advantage of Xavier's thin frontcourt.
REGIONAL SEMIFINALS
WICHITA STATE vs. **Connecticut** — The Huskies' NCAA run has to end sometime, and the Shockers will take advantage of UConn still riding the upset of the overall No. 1 seed.
DUKE vs. **University of Nevada-Las Vegas** — This was a great national semifinal game in 1991. The Blue Devils should move on with a rare advantage up front.
REGIONAL FINAL
WICHITA STATE vs. **Duke** — By now, Stutz will be recognized as a legitimate big man, and Duke hasn't done well against power players.

WEST REGIONAL SECOND ROUND
(1) **MICHIGAN STATE** vs. (16) **Long Island University** — The Blackbirds have dominated the Northeast Conference the last two seasons. The Spartans handle themselves pretty well in the Big Ten.
(8) **MEMPHIS** vs. (16) **St. Louis** — The Tigers haven't had a close game in their seven-game winning streak, and their depth should help against the Billikens' solid defense.
(12) **LONG BEACH STATE** vs. (5) **New Mexico** — The 49ers are a veteran team that played a tough nonconference schedule.
(4) **LOUISVILLE** vs. (13) **Davidson** — The Cardinals won the Big East tournament and are finally healthy.
(11) **COLORADO STATE** vs. (6) **Murray State** — The Rams have faced a lot of teams that like to shoot the 3 the way the Racers do, so defending Isaiah Canaan won't be anything new.
(3) **MARQUETTE** vs. (14) **Iona** — The Golden Eagles are still smarting over the quick exit in the Big East tournament, and Darius Johnson-Odom against Machado should be a great guard matchup.
(7) **FLORIDA** vs. (10) **Virginia** — The Gators, despite losing key reserve forward Will Yeguate, have picked up their play lately, and coach Billy Donovan is usu-

ally pretty good at containing star players such as Mike Scott.
(2) **MISSOURI** vs. (15) **Norfolk State** — The Tigers should make even passing the ball tough for the Spartans.
THIRD ROUND
MICHIGAN STATE vs. **Memphis** — The Spartans will try to make this a battle in the paint, and they usually win those.
LOUISVILLE vs. **Long Beach State** — The Cardinals have several guards who can help defend standout point guard Casper Ware.
MARQUETTE vs. **Colorado State** — Big East Player of the Year Jae Crowder will cause problems inside and out for the Rams.
MISSOURI vs. **Florida** — The Tigers can speed the game up even more than the Gators would like.

REGIONAL SEMIFINALS
MICHIGAN STATE vs. **Louisville** — Draymond Green will be tough for the Cardinals to handle underneath.
MISSOURI vs. **Marquette** — A game without real big men should be a track meet, and the Tigers usually prevail in those matchups.
REGIONAL FINAL
MICHIGAN STATE vs. **Missouri** — Tom Izzo's Spartans missed the Final Four last year to end a two-year run. They'll get back by going inside against the Tigers.

EAST REGIONAL SECOND ROUND
(1) **SYRACUSE** vs. (16) **North Carolina-Asheville** — The Orange won't lose two in a row.
(8) **KANSAS STATE** vs. (9) **Southern Mississippi** — The Wildcats survived the Big 12 with some strong defensive performances, and the Golden Eagles haven't seen many teams that do that.
(5) **VANDERBILT** vs. (12) **Harvard** — Once everybody is done with the SAT jokes they will see that the Commodores have way too much size for the Crimson.
(4) **WISCONSIN** vs. (13) **Montana** — The Badgers are tough to prepare for because nobody plays defense and controls the pace the way they do.
(11) **TEXAS** vs. (6) **Cincinnati** — The Longhorns have been improving at the end of the season while the Bearcats were talking

about being overconfident after losing to Louisville in the Big East tournament.
(3) **FLORIDA STATE** vs. (14) **St. Bonaventure** — The Seminoles are an outstanding defensive team, and they should enjoy trying to contain Atlantic 10 Player of the Year Andrew Nicholson.
(10) **WEST VIRGINIA** vs. (7) **Gonzaga** — The Mountaineers are a young team that's still learning how to take advantage of Kevin Jones' talents. The Bulldogs have to deal with travel as well as Jones.
(2) **OHIO STATE** vs. (15) **Loyola (Md.)** — The Buckeyes will be looking to get the taste of the Big Ten tournament final loss to Michigan State out of their mouths.

THIRD ROUND
SYRACUSE vs. **Kansas State** — The Orange's 2-3 zone will cause havoc for the Wildcats' young guards.
VANDERBILT vs. **Wisconsin** — The Commodores have an inside and outside game and will spread out the Badgers on defense.
FLORIDA STATE vs. **Texas** — Watch for Michael Snaer to add to his list of buzzer-beaters.
OHIO STATE vs. **West Virginia** — The Mountaineers just don't have an answer for Jared Sullinger inside.

REGIONAL SEMIFINALS
SYRACUSE vs. **Vanderbilt** — John Jenkins' outside shooting should scare the Orange, but the Commodores will have more trouble handling the speed of Dion Waiters and C.J. Fair.
OHIO STATE vs. **Florida State** — A cagey point guard like Aaron Craft can handle the Seminoles' pressure, and when he does, it's a break for the Buckeyes inside.

REGIONAL FINAL
SYRACUSE vs. **Ohio State** — There are great matchups inside and outside in this one, but karma gets a say sometimes. The Orange have found their way to New Orleans for the Final Four twice before.

MIDWEST REGIONAL SECOND ROUND
(1) **NORTH CAROLINA** vs. (16) **Vermont** — Come on, the game is in Greensboro.

(8) **CREIGHTON** vs. (9) **Alabama** — Doug McDermott gets a chance to show the country how he averaged 23.2 points while shooting 61 percent from the field and 49 percent on 3s.
(5) **TEMPLE** vs. (12) **South Florida** — The Owls are loaded with quality guards, and they should give freshman Anthony Collins all he can handle.
(4) **MICHIGAN** vs. (13) **Ohio** — The missing word "state" keeps this from being an early tournament upset.
(11) **NORTH CAROLINA STATE** vs. (6) **San Diego State** — The Wolfpack are still steaming over the end of their ACC semifinal loss to North Carolina, and C.J. Leslie and Co. should take it out on the Aztecs.
(3) **GEORGETOWN** vs. (14) **Belmont** — The Bears are always a chic upset pick, but the Hoyas' size keep that from being a good idea.
(10) **PURDUE** vs. (7) **Saint Mary's** — The Boilermakers and Robbie Hummel are a sentimental pick, but they will try and muscle the Gaels all over the court.
(2) **KANSAS** vs. (15) **Detroit** —

Usually facing the Horizon League champion scares the daylights out of teams, but the Titans just don't match up to the Butler teams that reached the national championship game the last two years.

THIRD ROUND
NORTH CAROLINA vs. **Creighton** — The Tar Heels have a bunch of players who can match Doug McDermott's scoring prowess.
TEMPLE vs. **Michigan** — There will be a ton of good guards in this one, but Temple's depth might be the difference.
GEORGETOWN vs. **North Carolina State** — The Hoyas are one of the best passing teams in the country and one of the best passers is center Henry Sims. That makes them too tough a matchup for the Wolfpack.
KANSAS vs. **Purdue** — The Jayhawks' inside-outside combination of Thomas Robinson and Tyshawn Taylor are way too much for the Boilermakers to handle.
REGIONAL SEMIFINALS
NORTH CAROLINA vs. **Temple** — The Tar Heels will simply outscore the Owls.
GEORGETOWN vs. **Kansas** —

The Hoyas are an underrated defensive team. They will relish stopping a player like Thomas Robinson inside and will use a ton of fouls.

REGIONAL FINAL
NORTH CAROLINA vs. **Georgetown** — These schools met in this round in 2007. The Tar Heels win this time.

FIRST FOUR
MICHIGAN STATE vs. **Wichita State** — The Spartans don't mind playing good big men, and they love the opportunity to make teams match up with them. The Shockers' run ends here.
SYRACUSE vs. **North Carolina** — The Orange will win only if the zone keeps the Tar Heels from hitting 3s and if they rebound well enough to keep North Carolina point guard Kendall Marshall from operating in transition.
CHAMPIONSHIP GAME
MICHIGAN STATE vs. **Syracuse** — Tom Izzo's first national championship in 2000 was orchestrated by Mateen Cleaves. Twelve years later Draymond Green gets to play that role, finding a way to operate inside the zone to get the whole team involved in the offense.

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Kay Kohlbecker, left, wife of Carl Kohlbecker, watches as U.S. Rep. Ben Chandler, right, presents him with an American flag that flew over the U.S. Capitol, top photo. Chandler visited the Kohlbecker home on South Maple Street on Feb. 10, a day before Carl Kohlbecker's 88th birthday. The visit also commemorated his 50 years of service to the Army. At left, others attending the event include, from left, Kathy Houlihan, Karen Ward, Carla Erasime, the Kohlbeckers and Chandler, Tresa Bridges, Debbie Edwards and Mary Kay Sellars. The Kohlbeckers will celebrate their 65th wedding anniversary this year. Photo submitted

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Government can't keep up with information requests

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Obama administration couldn't keep pace with the increasing number of people asking for copies of government documents, emails, photographs and more under the U.S. Freedom of Information Act, according to a new analysis of the latest federal data by The Associated Press.

Federal agencies did better last year trying to fulfill requests, but still fell further behind with backlogs, due mostly to surges in immigration

records requested from the Homeland Security Department. It released all or portions of the information that citizens, journalists, businesses and others sought — and outright rejected other requests — at about the same rate as the previous two years. The AP analyzed figures over the last three years from 37 of the largest federal departments and agencies.

There was progress: The government responded to more requests than ever in 2011 — more than

576,000 — a 5 percent increase from the year before. Offices less frequently cited legal provisions that allow them to keep records secret, especially emails and documents describing how federal officials make important decisions. Agencies took less time, on average, to turn over records: about one month for requests it considered "simple" and about three months for more complicated requests. And 23 of 37 agencies reduced their individual backlogs of

requests or kept buildups from increasing.

The government's responsiveness under the Freedom of Information Act is widely viewed as a barometer of how transparent federal offices are. Under the law, citizens and foreigners can compel the government to turn over copies of federal records for zero or little cost. Anyone who seeks information through the law is generally supposed to get it unless disclosure would hurt national security, violate

personal privacy or expose business secrets or confidential decision-making in certain areas. Sunday was the start of Sunshine Week, when news organizations promote open government and freedom of information.

Across the 37 agencies, the government turned over all or parts of the records people sought in about 65 percent of requests that it considered, a minor improvement over last year. It fully rejected more than one-third of requests.

Favorite characters



Shearer Elementary School students were asked to come to school dressed as characters from their favorite books Friday. Three students were chosen for having the best costumes during a character parade through the school. Logan Spurlock, center, won a \$25 gift certificate to the school's book fair for placing first for his Tom Sawyer costume, Kiersten Riggins, left, won a \$15 gift certificate to the book fair for second place dressed as Little Red Riding Hood, and Nicole Tipton won a \$10 gift certificate for her Amelia Bedelia costume.

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Rare movie posters found in attic going up for auction soon

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — A rowdy band of bloodsuckers, gunslingers, wily wise guys, jaded private eyes, hardboiled reporters and good girls gone bad, stuck in an attic together for 80 years, is going its separate ways.

Nearly three dozen movie theater posters from the Golden Age of Hollywood found in a Pennsylvania attic are expected to fetch \$250,000 at auction in Texas this month. They were stuck together with wallpaper glue when they were purchased for around \$30,000 at a country auction last fall in Berwick, near Wilkes-Barre in northeastern Pennsylvania.

The buyer, who chose to remain anonymous, consigned them to Heritage Auctions in Dallas, where the stack of 33 Depression-era posters were painstakingly steamed and gingerly separated over the course of several weeks.

"As we started to peel them apart, it was one of the greatest treasure troves from a beautiful period of poster printing," said Grey Smith of Heritage Auctions, where the posters go on the block March

23.

The separated posters underwent minor touch-ups and were backed with linen at a restoration house, he said.

"A number of them were in very, very nice shape. ... The colors had not seen the light of day in 80 years," Smith said. They were glued, one atop the other, apparently as each new release came to town. The find most likely came from one of the three big movie houses in Berwick during that era, Smith said.

From what the auction buyer was able to ascertain, the valuable stack of Hollywood history was inside a home whose contents were being liquidated as part of an estate sale, he said.

The trove includes extraordinarily rare original posters from the 1931 films "The Public Enemy," "Cimarron," "The Front Page" and "Little Caesar." Some are versions never before seen, while others are among only one or two other known copies. All measure roughly 27 by 41 inches, known in movie parlance as a one-sheet.

Famed architect's doghouse design dusted off by owner for new film

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — The Solomon R. Guggenheim Museum in New York City. The Fallingwater home in southwestern Pennsylvania. But a child's doghouse?

Frank Lloyd Wright designed hundreds of landmark buildings and homes during a prolific career that spanned more than seven decades. But in what is widely considered a first and only for the famed architect, Wright indulged a young boy's humble request for a dog house in 1956 and sent him designs for the structure.

"I was probably his youngest client and poorest client," Jim Berger, now 68, said during a recent phone interview.

Berger rebuilt the doghouse last year with his brother, using the original plans. It was featured in a documentary

film and will be displayed during screenings starting this month.

Wright designed Berger's family's home in the Marin County town of San Anselmo, prompting the then-12 years old Berger to ask his dad if Wright would design a home

for his black Labrador, Eddie.

Berger's dad said he didn't know, so Berger decided to write to the great architect himself.

Berger explained that he would pay Wright from the money he made from his paper route.

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Cells may spare kidney transplant rejection drugs

By Lauran Neergaard
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — An experimental technique seems to be freeing some kidney transplant patients from having to take anti-rejection drugs.

Researchers transplanted certain cells from the kidney donor's bone marrow along with the new organ. Five of eight transplant recipients who tried the method so far were off immune-suppressing medication up to 2½ years later, the researchers reported last week.

The preliminary results were considered important enough to be published in the journal Science Translational Medicine even though the study still is under way, because the technique worked for patients who didn't have well-matched or related donors.

The idea is that if a sort of twin immune system takes

root and lasts, it can allow the patient's body to accept the foreign organ and not attack it, said study co-author Dr. Suzanne Ildstad of the University of Louisville. Scientists call it chimerism.

"The most reliable indicator of really being successful at taking someone off immune-suppressing drugs is durable chimerism," says Ildstad, who teamed with doctors at Chicago's Northwestern Memorial Hospital for the research.

Transplant recipients usually must take multiple immune-suppressing pills for life to prevent rejection of their new organ. Those drugs cause lots of side effects, such as raising the risk of cancer and kidney damage.

Other scientists are attempting to tap bone marrow to induce immune tolerance, with varying success.

Ildstad's approach transfuses a special mix of bone marrow cells including

blood-producing stem cells and another type named "facilitating cells" that are thought vital for a successful transplant. She filters out still other cells that can become too aggressive and cause a life-threatening disorder named graft-versus-host disease.

Transplant recipients had radiation and chemotherapy, not destroying their own bone marrow but tamping it down to make space for the donated cells, explained study co-author Dr. Joseph Leventhal, a Northwestern transplant surgeon. Five patients who had the dual im-

munity a year later were weaned off all drugs. Two others whose hybrid immunity faded are faring well using a low dose of one anti-rejection drug. One patient needed a repeat transplant after an infection and didn't get to try weaning.

Much more study is needed to find the best approach but "the results are striking," Dr. Tatsuo Kawai of Massachusetts General Hospital wrote in an accompanying editorial. He is part of a team that in 2008 reported the only other success with a small number of mismatched transplants.

Woman gives birth to 14-pound son

SAN DIEGO (AP) — A Southern California woman said doctors predicted she would give birth to a big baby boy, but nobody was prepared for just how big.

Jayden Sigler weighed in at 13 pounds, 14 ounces, when the healthy boy was delivered Thursday by cesarean section, the North County Times reported Saturday.

His mother, Cynthia Sigler of Vista, said that her immediate reaction was: "How'd he fit?"

Doctors initially estimated that Jayden would weigh about 9 pounds, but that number jumped to 11 by early March, the mother told the newspaper.

Dr. Jerald White, who de-

livered the baby at Tri-City Medical Center, said Jayden was the biggest of the 20,000 newborns he has helped usher into the world since he started in 1961.

The doctor said delivering a very large baby via cesarean section is more challenging, but "it wasn't so difficult that it created a problem for anybody."

While Jayden will likely make a big dent in the doctor's memory, he's small compared to the largest baby ever delivered: a baby born at 23 pounds, 12 ounces in January 1879, according to the Guinness Book of Records.

That newborn was said to have died 11 hours after birth.

Pa. zoo features odd couple of gorilla, rabbit

ERIE, Pa. (AP) — An elderly gorilla that lives at a Pennsylvania zoo has a new companion: a bunny named Panda.

The Erie Zoo's gorilla, Samantha, has been without a full-time friend since the death of Rudy, a male gorilla, in 2005.

But officials say the 47-year-old western lowland gorilla is too old to be paired with another gorilla. So they

opted last month to introduce her to Panda, a Dutch rabbit, last month.

The Erie Times-News reports Samantha and Panda get along well. Samantha will gently scratch under the bunny's chin and share her food.

Officials at the zoo said Samantha has always had a gentle personality. She was hand-raised and was more comfortable around humans.

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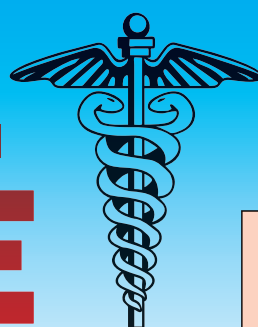
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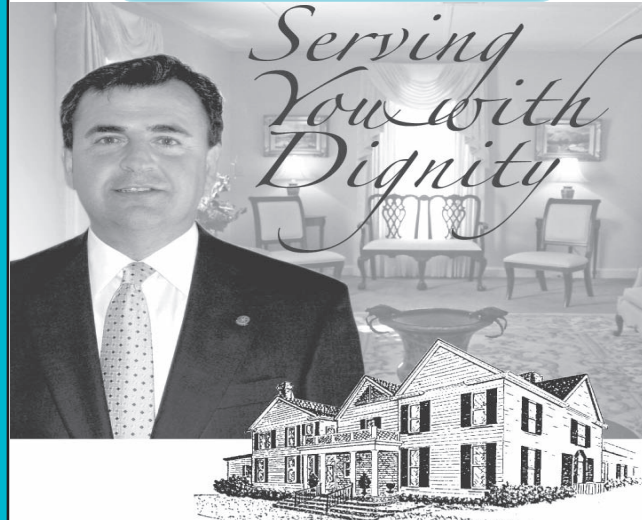
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